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ELECTION OF SPECIES

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 30, 2004, requiring an election of species. The Examiner indicated that the claims of Group I, claims 1-25, are directed to several patentably distinct species.

The Applicant hereby elects Species A for prosecution on the merits. This election is made without traverse. The Examiner has defined Species A to include, as structural elements, a flexure as one of the first and second components and a load beam as the other of the first and second components. It is submitted that at least claims 1 and 8 read on a method involving the structural elements of Species A.

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